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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. MARY LITVINENKO'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS AN  
EMBASSY MOSCOW EMPLOYEE IS SEPT 5, AND WE ARE  
PLANNING A PARTY IN HER HONOR SEPT 7. PLEASE  
NOTIFY HER ALUMNI AND FRIENDS IN THE DEPARTMENT SO THAT  
THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEND APPROPRIATE TELE-  
GRAPHIC GREETINGS. ANY CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS RECEIVED  
WILL BE READ AT THE PARTY. WE WILL BE SENDING PICTURES  
OF THE CELEBRATION FOR INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER.

2. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND HER THIRTY-YEAR CERTIFICATE  
TO REACH US BEFORE SEPT 7? PERHAPS IF YOU SENT IT  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SO THAT IT WOULD COME WITH NEXT  
CLASSIFIED POUCH.

3. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THINGS ARE MOVING ON  
CIVIL AVIATION FRONT AND CONGRATULATE SOV FOR ITS  
EFFECTIVE MISSIONARY WORK. WE CONCUR THAT FREQUENCY  
ACTION SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE NOV 1, AND THAT  
ADVANCE WARNING (AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE) SHOULD BE GIVEN.

4. RE EXHIBIT BROCHURE (PARA 5, STATE 215115), WE ARE  
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SOMEWHAT AT DISADVANTAGE INDICUSCUSSING PROBLEMS BECAUSE WE DO

NOT HAVE TEXT OF OFFENDING PASSAGE. (P&C IS ASKING FOR TEXT BY TELEGRAPH). ONLY COPIES RECEIVED WERE TURNED OVER BY EXHIBITS OFFICER TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANYONE ELSE, SO THAT NONE OF US IN EMBASSY HAS ACTUALLY READ BOOKLET. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE HAVE CHOICE OF STANDING ON PRINCIPLE AND NOT HAVING BROCHURE TO DISTRIBUTE, OR CHANGING PASSAGE. WE UNDERSTAND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF FORMER APPROACH, BUT IT DOES SEEM THAT INSISTING ON PASSAGE AS IT NOW STANDS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR INTERESTS IN SENSE THAT IT WOULD DEPRIVE US OF OPPORTUNITY TO DISTRIBUTE WHAT WE WOULD HOPE IS PERSUASIVE PAMPHLET. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO MAKE THE CHANGE EARLIER, HOWEVER.

5. AS FOR PASSAGE ITSELF, IF IT IS AS SOVIETS HAVE REPRESENTED IT, THEN THE INITIAL EDITING PROCESS WAS NOT AS JUDICIOUS AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. TO COUPLE FASCISM AND COMMUNISM IN SAME PHRASE IS ASKING FOR TROUBLE AND IS HARDLY LIKELY TO BE ESSENTIAL TO WHATEVER POINT IS BEING MADE. IT IS ALSO VERY BAD PR, SINCE EVEN THOSE SOVIETS CRITICAL OF THEIR OWN SYSTEM ARE LIKELY TO RESENT THE INFERENCE, GIVEN THEIR WARTIME EXPERIENCE.

6. WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL FOR RFE/RL MONITORING PROJECT, AS YOU WILL SEE FROM OUR COMMENT ON IT. WE HOPE FOLKS WILL FOCUS ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO DO AS MUCH AS WHAT DATA IS DESIRABLE IN THE ABSTRACT TO HAVE. WE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND JUST WHAT IS MEANT CONCRETELY BY DRIVING OUT OF CITIES FOR MONITORING. CAN MONITOR SIT IN CAR, OR MUST HE BE OUT IN OPEN? STOESEL

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